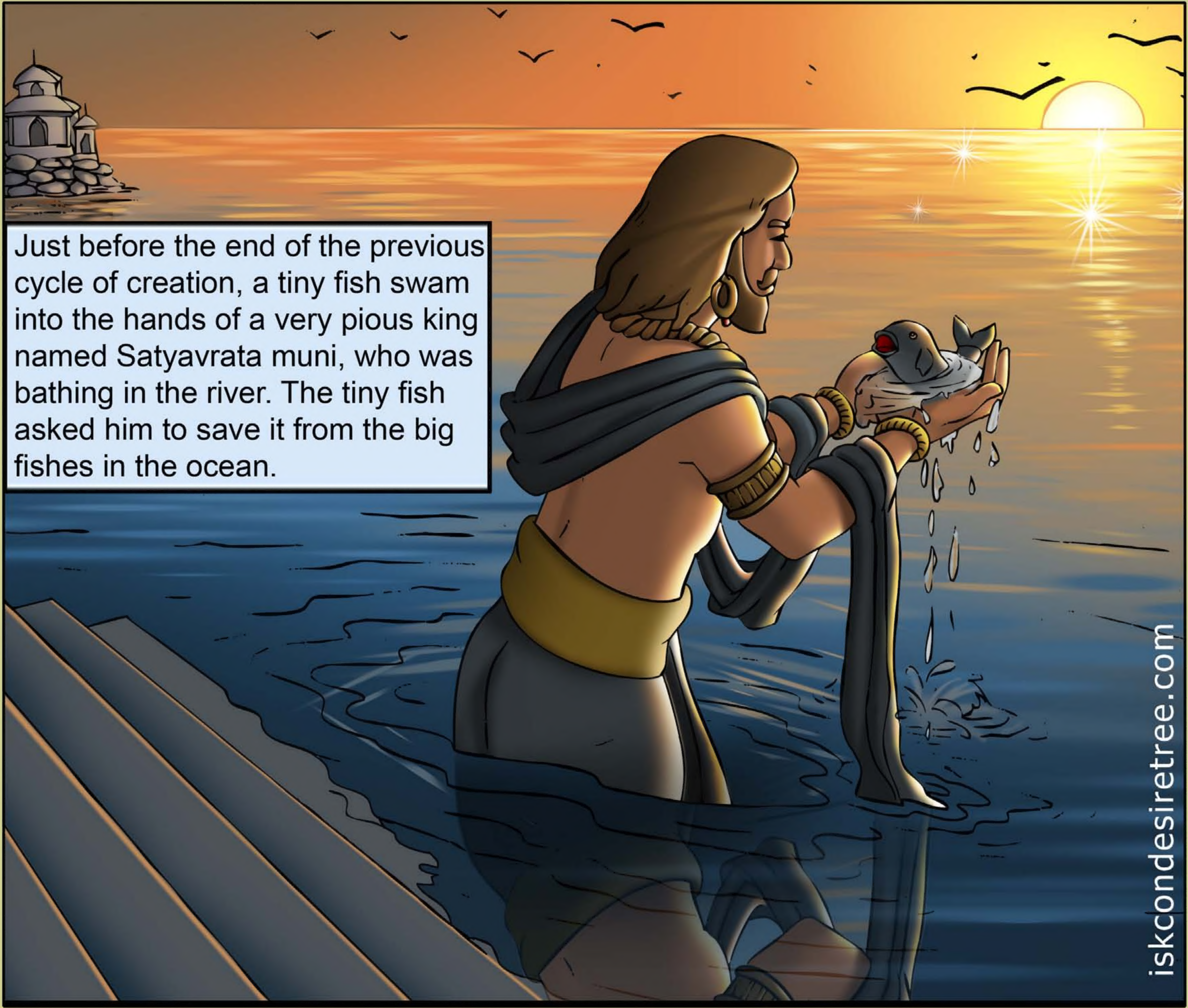


Matsya Avatar
The Fish Incarnation



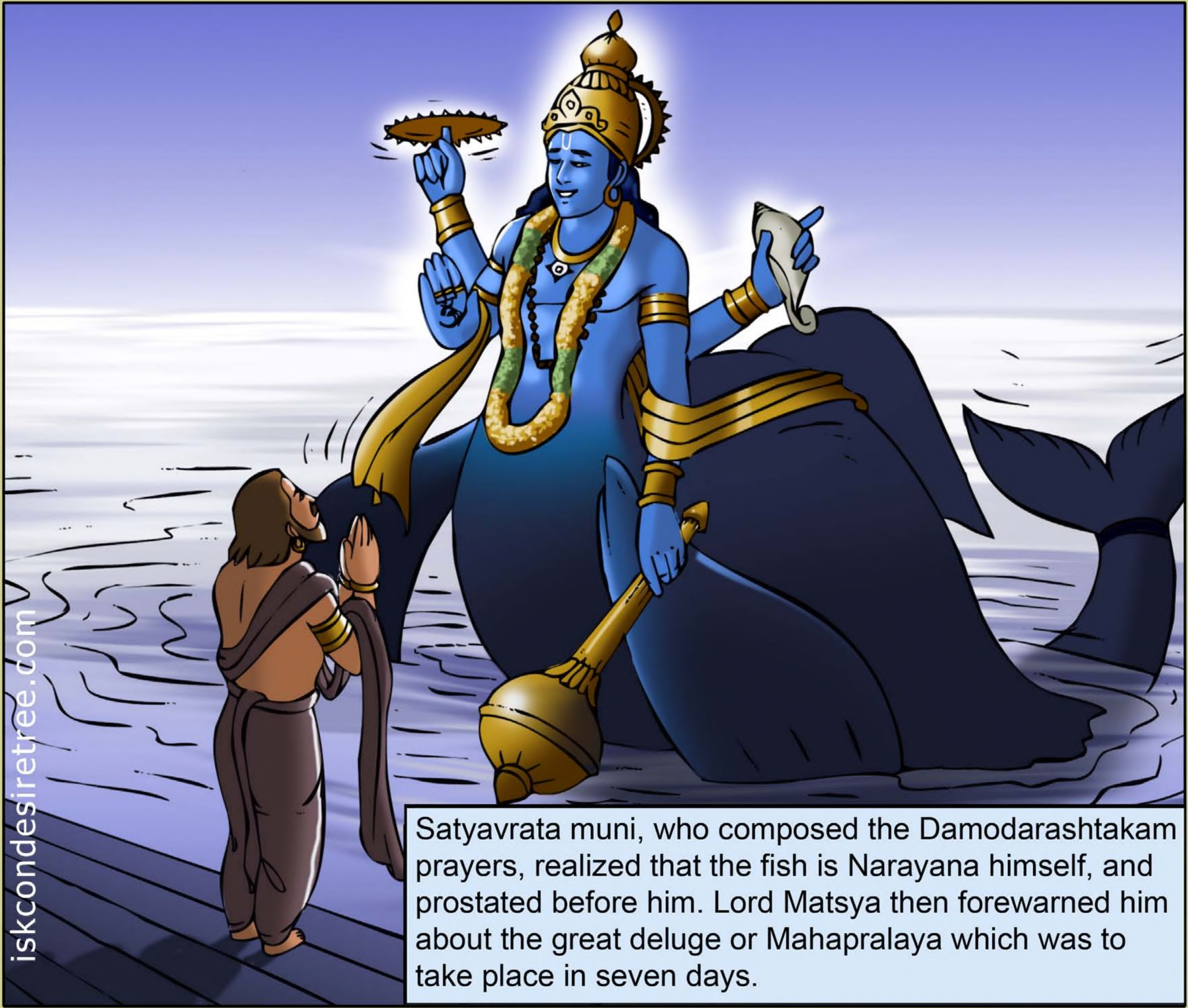
Matsya Avatar is the 1st amongst the Dashavatars of Lord Vishnu.



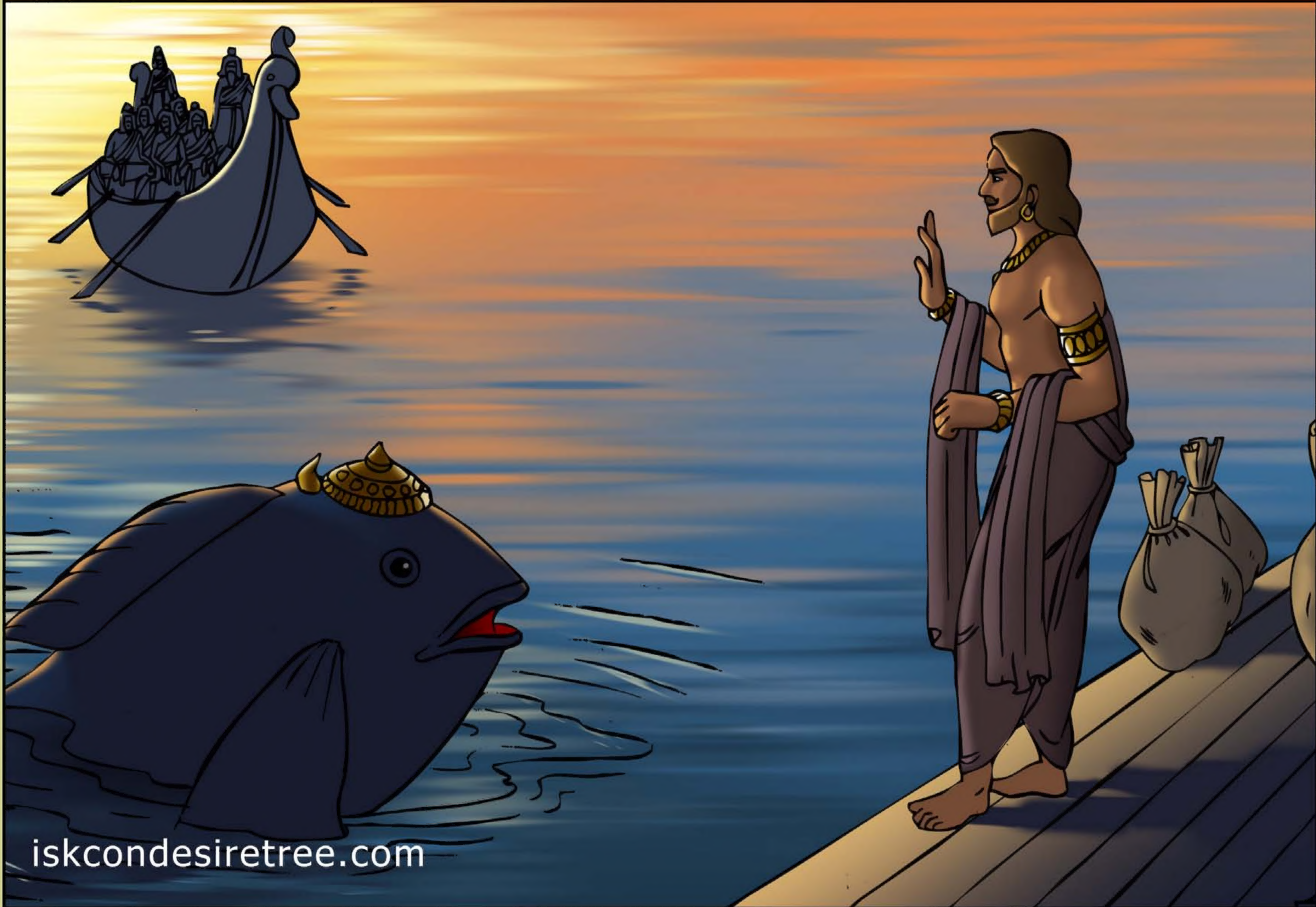

Just before the end of the previous cycle of creation, a tiny fish swam into the hands of a very pious king named Satyavrata muni, who was bathing in the river. The tiny fish asked him to save it from the big fishes in the ocean.
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Satyavrata muni took the fish home and placed it in a small pot. The fish kept increasing in size. It was then transferred from the small pot to a big vessel, from vessel to a well, from well to a pond, from pond to a lake, from lake to a river, and finally it was transferred to the ocean but it still kept growing.

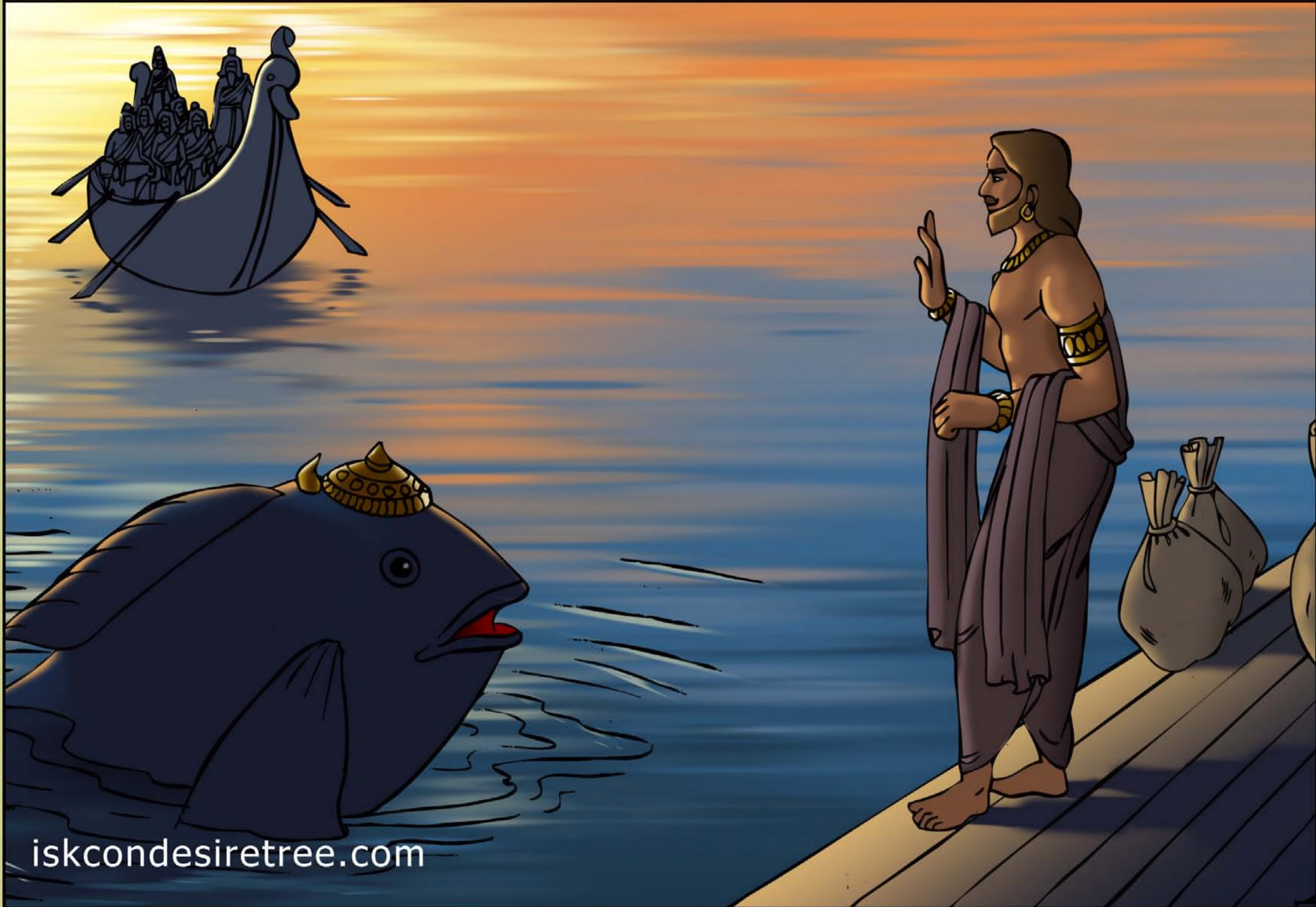


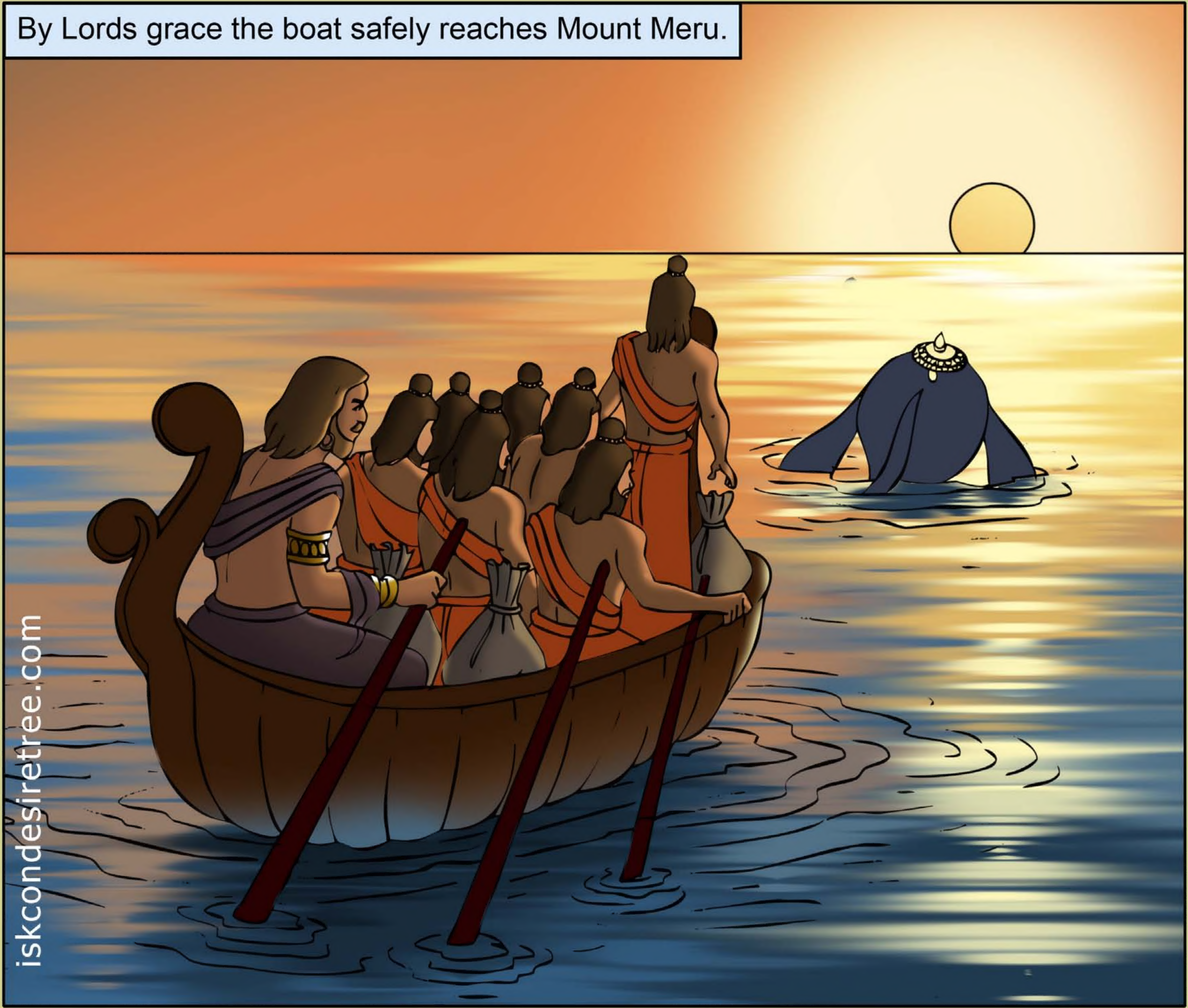

Satyavrata muni, who composed the Damodarashtakam prayers, realized that the fish is Narayana himself, and prostated before him. Lord Matsya then forewarned him about the great deluge or Mahapralaya which was to take place in seven days.

Lord Matsya instructs Satyavrat muni to place all the Vedas in the boat and wait for the deluge.



Lord Matsya assured Satyavrata muni that He will appear again during the deluge and will tie the boat to his horn using snake Vasuki as a rope and rescue him along with the Sapta Rishis.




By Lords grace the boat safely reaches Mount Meru.
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When the deluge was taking place, a demon named Hayagriva stole all the Vedas and took refuge in a conch-shell under the ocean. Lord Matsya saved the Vedas by killing the demon.
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Lord Matsya then returns the Vedas to Lord Brahma, for the purpose of creation.
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!!! Matsya Avatar Ki Jai !!!

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